

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



d. Public Space Regulation Division

PUBLIC SPACE COMMITTEE HEARING
MINUTES

1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor

Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 9:00 AM

**The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Matthew Marcou the following members were in attendance: Andrew Wiley, Julia Hudson, Chris Shaheen, and Elliott Garrett*

9:16 am – 9:23 am

Vote: 5 to 0 Approved-all Consent applications

Chair's Report

- 1) - **HARRY THOMAS WAY NE AND R STREET NE** - Permittee: NoMa Parks - Owner: NoMa Parks - Fixture: Bollard(s) (Exception), Landscaping: Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Roadway(s), Sidewalk(s) # 314698

Consent Agenda

- 1) ANC 5C07 - **3015 26TH STREET NE** - Permittee: TEFERI ZEWDUO - Owner: TEFERI ZEWDUO - Landscaping: Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential # 320952
- 2) ANC 3D05 - **5023 ESKRIDGE TERRACE NW** - Permittee: HANLON DESIGN BUILD HANLON DESIGN BUILD - Owner: HANLON DESIGN BUILD HANLON DESIGN BUILD - Landscaping: Tree Planting, Paving: Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk w/Steps # 321393
- 3) ANC 3D02 - **4834 QUEBEC STREET NW** - Permittee: Laurence Cafritz Builders Laurence Cafritz Builders - Owner: 4834 Quebec LLC 4834 Quebec LLC - Fixture: Wall (Exception over 42"), Landscaping: Tree Planting, Paving: Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk w/Steps # 321529
- 4) ANC 6E07 - **901 4TH STREET NW** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Letta DC LLC - Letta DC LLC # 10698252
- 5) ANC 5E06 - **1700 1ST STREET NW** - Convert to Enclosed Cafe - Permittee: Stuart Davenport - Stuart Davenport # 10703754
- 6) **,,,, - 1100 - 1199 BLOCK OF 2ND PLACE SE, 1100 - 1199 BLOCK OF 3RD STREET SE, 250 - 299 BLOCK OF L STREET SE** - Permittee: Square 769N Owner LLC - Owner: DC Housing Authority - Fixture: Bench(es), Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Hand Rail (36" high for ADA, 30"-42" high other), Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Landscaping: Hedge to 36" tall, Tree Planting, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Leadwalk w/Steps, Sidewalk(s), Projections: Areaway Entrance # 319029
- 7) ANC 5C07 - **2708 24TH STREET NE** - Permittee: District Properties - Owner: District Properties - Fixture: Retaining Wall to 42", Landscaping: Tree Planting, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk w/Steps # 320585
- 8) ANC 3D05 - **2860 UNIVERSITY TERRACE NW** - Permittee: 2860 University Terrace LLC 2860 University Terrace LLC - Owner: 2860 University Terrace LLC 2860 University Terrace LLC - Landscaping: Tree Planting, Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk w/Steps, Projections: Stoop & Steps # 320721

- 9) ANC 8C05 - **3759 1ST STREET SE** - Permittee: Beresford Davis - Owner: Beresford Davis - Paving: Driveway(s) New -Residential # 320984
- 10) ANC 6D02 - **1221 VAN STREET SE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Jeremy Gifford - Jeremy Gifford # 10701328
- 11) ANC 6C05 - **600 H STREET NE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: VSTDC, LLC - # 10703727
- 12) ANC 5D01 - **1515 NEW YORK AVENUE NE** - Permittee: Douglas Development Corporation - Owner: - Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Landscaping: Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Over Head Work: Streetlight(s) Installation, Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New- Commercial, Driveway(s) Repair or Replace, Sidewalk(s) # 315444
- 13) ANC 5D01 - **1250 5TH STREET NE** - New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed - Permittee: Shemp LLC - Shemp LLC # 10692647
- 14) ANC 1B01 - **1844 3RD STREET NW** - Permittee: BEN DORRIER - Owner: BEN DORRIER - Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Tree Planting, Tree Removal, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New- Commercial # 321777
- 15) ANC 7C,ANC 7C07,07 - **4920 SHERIFF ROAD NE,4922 SHERIFF ROAD NE** - Permittee: District Properties - Owner: District Properties - Fixture: Retaining Wall to 42", Paving: Leadwalk w/Steps, Sidewalk(s) # 318264

- 16) ANC 1C06 - **2630 16TH STREET NW** - Permittee: Embassy of Cuba - Owner: - Fixture: Street Fixture or Furniture (Exception) # 323796
- 17) ANC 5B03 - **1700 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE NE** - Permittee: Chiaramonte Construction - Owner: Chiaramonte Construction - Fixture: Bike Rack(s): DDOT Standard, Fence to 42" (Open Design), Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Leadwalk w/Steps, Sidewalk(s) # 318163

9:30 am – 9:38 am

A new ANC-5C07 Jeremiah Montague, Commissioner introduced himself and this was announced during the PSC hearing by the Matthew Marcou. The Commissioner was advised to discuss his concerns regarding a building permit

General Agenda

9:39 am - 11:00 am

applicant not present

**Vote: 5 to 0 – Tabled
(1st no-show)**

- 1) ANC 3G01 - **6820 OREGON AVENUE NW** - Permittee: Alicia Riveire - Owner: Alicia Riveire - Paving: Driveway(s) Circular, Driveway(s) Repair or Replace # 276309

9:40 am - 10:07 am

Vote: 5 to 0 – Denied

- 2) ANC 3D03 - **5053 LOUGHBORO ROAD NW** - Permittee: Kurt Volker - Owner: Kurt Volker - Fixture: Retaining Wall to 42", Landscaping: Tree Planting, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Driveway(s) Circular, Driveway(s) Close Existing, Driveway(s) New -Residential, Leadwalk w/Steps # 321648
 Discussion: *The applicant stated that the frontage of the location makes it specific due to the bus stop possibly being blocked. They are applying for a circular driveway. This particular street is a collector street. The applicant stated that he's lived in the house for a couple of years and the need is for safety due to the heavy traffic and the buses that travel this street. He stated that backing out of the driveway safely is the only way to exit presently.*
Anna Chamberlin asked why so much paving and the applicant responded that in order to turn around during an event that occurs at this location it is needed.
Matthew Marcou asked is there parking available on the street presently and the owner responded yes. The applicant wishes to have one way in and one way out

Matthew Marcou stated that the proposed frequency of events/receptions at this location is not a compelling need to approve the circular driveway at this location

The applicant also showed that there were two dozen other locations within the vicinity that have existing circular driveways on Loughboro Road, NW and this is an interesting element but there will be a domino effect and every house on Loughboro Road will have a circular driveway.

Anna Chamberlin stated that while looking at google there is a difference in the number of driveways that the applicant has stated.

There are other options that can be accommodated on private property that would be a better than making a second intersection. The applicant didn't demonstrate a compelling reason to approve the circular driveway.

11:00 am – 11:15 am

**Vote: 5 to 0 – Tabled
(Applicant's 1st no show)**

- 3) - **2600 - 2799 BLOCK OF M STREET NW** - Permittee: Georgetown BID - Owner: - Fixture: Street Fixture or Furniture (Exception) # 321031
-Follow up with the applicant to persue application – C. Felder

10:07 am – 10:33 am

Vote: 5 to 0 - Denied

(*these applications were all discussed together)

- 4) ANC 2A08 - **2000 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW*** - Intercity Bus - Permittee: Greyhound Lines, Inc. D/B/A Boltbus - # 10696626 and ANC 2B02 - **1630 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW** - Intercity Bus - Permittee: Greyhound Lines, Inc. D/B/A BOLTBUS - # 10602966

Discussion:

Hours of Operation: Mon – Thurs with pick up 11AM-6:30 PM and arrivals 12 noon -8:30 pm

Fri 11am pick up 12:00 pm arrival Sat 7:30 am 11:00 am pick up Sat 12 noon 8:30 pm arrival

Sun pick up 7:30 am and 11:00 am arrival 12 noon 8:30 pm 10:30 pm

The applicant stated that the Bid advised him that a bike lane is coming and the applicant agreed to move the bus stop when that comes (bike lane).

The area being proposed is within the current Rush Hour time period. Loading and Leaving will interfere with the current rush hour traffic lane

Conflicts with current parking and traffic safety use; there is a location but it is not this location. The Executive Secretary will bring together this applicant and the DuPont Circle area stakeholders to determine a better location for this operation

10:07 am -10:40 am

Vote: 5 to 0 - Denied

- 5) ANC 2B06 - **1330 19TH STREET NW*** - Intercity Bus - Permittee: ACADEMY BUS LLC - # 10679260
Discussion: *The applicant was not in attendance; however it's a one way street and no parking but the bus location being proposed is too tight for loading and unloading safely. The applicant needs to find another location nearby per Matthew Marcou*
There is no way to provide safe bus operations at this location
The Public Space Manager will invite the applicant to attend the meeting.

10:07 am - 10:40 am

Vote: 5 to 0 - Tabled

- 6) ANC 2B02 - **1630 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW*** - Intercity Bus - Permittee: Greyhound Lines, Inc. D/B/A BOLTBUS - # 10602966

Discussion:

The applicant is currently operating at this location and with success since April. They haven't received any complaints. Washington Deluxe have expressed some concern to have the operation taken out of public space per the applicant. Matthew Marcou has stated that he's not comfortable permitting permanently

Tabled – pending a meeting between the applicant, Washington Deluxe and the Public Space Manager and the Public Space Manager may invite any other stakeholder

At 10:27 am - 10:33 am The Chairman called for an off the record break for 5 minutes.

**10:45 am - Vote: 5 to 0 –Denied the
submitted application; applicant will meet with the Executive Secretary**

- 7) ANC 6C02 - **20 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW** - Intercity Bus - Permittee: Best Bus - # 10707477
Discussion:

There is not enough information to determine what is actually being proposed in public space. (Specifications for materials and full description with dimensions of what will be used in public space example: black, flexi glass panel roll-downs that are 4 by 4 and 6 feet high).

The applicant stated that he uploaded the specifications for the proposed enclosure application with his building permit application.

Your plan shows that all of the café area will be enclosed and clearance needs to be change to eight feet and you need to lower the planters proposed height to what was approved at a minimum height is 36 inches per OP recommendations

The PSC was adjourned at 11:15 am